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Grant of house-sites for Adi-Dravidas of Ambattur.

*199 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Adi-Dravidas of Ambattur, Saidapet taluk, had already applied to the Labour Tahsildar, Saidapet, Chingleput district, for granting them house-sites in survey No. 438 in the village;

(b) whether it is a fact that the matter has been under correspondence for the past two and a half years;

(c) whether it is a fact that the caste people of the village are strongly opposed to the assignment;

(d) whether the survey field No. 438 applied for house-sites is far away from caste quarters;

(e) at what stage the matter is at present; and

(f) whether the Government are aware that the depressed classes of Ambattur village suffer badly for want of house-sites?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The matter was considered and dropped in 1923. It was taken up for reconsideration in 1924.

(c) Yes.

(d) The field is at a distance of about 300 yards from caste quarters.

(e) The subject is under the consideration of the Collector of Chingleput.

(f) The Government have no information.

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"In view of the hardship felt by the people, will Government be pleased to direct the Collector to dispose of the matter as early as possible?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Yes, Sir."

Forests.

Grazing ground for cattle in Varadalampet village.

*200 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Forest Department recently adjusted about 1,000 acres of cultivable land in the No. 71 Varadalampet village in Vellore taluk, North Arcot district;

(b) whether it is a fact that in consequence the ryots of the village are left without any grazing ground for their cattle;

(c) whether the three reserves, viz., Nellimalai, Arasampattu and Peranamalai, are quite adjacent to and practically form boundary of ryots' patta lands and are situated within a distance of one or one and a half furlongs of the village of Varadalampet;

(d) whether the ryots of the above village are being at present put to considerable inconvenience by reason of their being hemmed in by reserve forests and also the absence of grazing land for their cattle;

(e) whether grazing permits given for one 'block' are not still allowed to be available for other blocks in the same range, although three blocks of the reserve forest surround the village on all sides;

(*f*) whether the report called for from the Conservator of Forests as to the feasibility of allowing a single grazing permit to serve for all the blocks within one range has been received; and

(*g*) whether the ryots of the Varadalampet village recently submitted a memorial to His Excellency the Governor in Council for the redress of this long-standing grievance?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No chance has occurred in this area since reservation in the year 1894.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The Chief Conservator reports that there is some inconvenience to the ryots. It is proposed to disafforest an area of 150 acres in the Nellimalai reserve.

(*e*) Permits taken for one block are available for other blocks in the same range.

(*f*) Yes. Orders have issued to combine two grazing blocks in the South Vellore division into one.

(*g*) Yes.

Forest grievances in the district of North Arcot.

* 201 *Q.*—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has received the report called for in answer to question No. 424 given on 16th March 1925 from the Conservator of Forests regarding forest grievances in the district of North Arcot; and

(*b*) whether he will be pleased to place the report on the table of this House?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Chief Conservator's report [a] is placed on the Council table.

Creation of unclassed forests as ryots' forest in Ganjam.

* 202 *Q.*—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the action taken in the Ganjam district regarding the creation of unclassed forests as the ryots' forest under the control of the Revenue Department; and

(*b*) the number of forest panchayats either working or newly started since 1924–25 in the district of Ganjam?

A.—(*a*) There are no forests in the Ganjam district to be classed as 'ryots' forests'. The hon. Member's attention is invited to G.O. No. 703, Development, dated 12th May 1925, which is placed on the Editors' Table.

(*b*) None.

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 395–396 infra.